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ELIZABETH O'DONNELL NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 5, 2004) - Elizabeth O'Donnell, an attorney with extensive experience in the complex field of utility regulation, has been named Executive Director of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

O'Donnell grew up in Lexington and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Arts degree in Political Sociology from the University of Kentucky. She holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.

After completing law school, O'Donnell served as an Administrative Law Judge at the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) for eight years. Following her service at the MPSC, O'Donnell worked as a senior attorney for the Illinois Power Company, representing what was then that state's second largest gas and electric utility before the Illinois Commerce Commission.

"Beth O'Donnell, who has worked as a regulator and for a regulated utility, possesses unique insight that will help the PSC find creative solutions in an ever changing regulatory environment," said Mark David Goss, Chairman of the PSC.

"I am honored by the confidence placed in me by Gov. Ernie Fletcher, Sec. LaJuana S. Wilcher and the Commission," O'Donnell said. "I look forward to this opportunity to serve in Gov. Fletcher's administration."

The PSC is an agency within the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet that regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The PSC has approximately 115 employees.